

Economic Development Committee - Minutes May 6, 2010

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

Acton Town Hall
Room #204

Attending: Doug Tindal (chairman), Dick Calandrella, Joe Ianelli,
Nancy Dinkel, David Didriksen, and Chris Pappas

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

I. Open Mike
No issues were brought up.

II. Current Issues –Discussion
The understanding is that the Board of Selectmen may revisit and tinker with the Signage By-Law. A concern is over the practices of the enforcement policy and whether there are clear guidelines established by the upper management within the town’s government.

Two EDC members, Dick Calandrella and Nancy Dinkel, are to be assigned to a sign enforcement review panel. It is in the EDC’s best interest to build merit by voicing the local business concerns. In addition, cooperation and an effort in educating the local merchants over the signage by-law is needed.

The town’s counsel will be present at the enforcement review panel meeting. The EDC members welcome the town counselor’s participation and would like to see the process to be fair.

III. Demographics Team
Joe Ianelli attempted to extract demographics data from the town’s resources, but was not fruitful in his attempts. There will be a comprehensive planning committee that will be assigned to do the work. The Town of Acton is seeking to hire a consultant to assist in the task.

IV. Marketing Team
To be updated on the next scheduled meeting.

V. New and Existing Support Team

David Didriksen is seeking assistance from Larry Powers and Willa Breeze as support team members.

VI. Path Forward

Joseph Ianelli and David Didriksen are to be added as members of the Economic Development Committee.

The next EDC meeting will be 5/20/10

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 PM.